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THE MURDER AT CANNES.

TRIAL OF MR. DEACON.

VERDICT AND SENTENCE.

Nice, May 20.—The trial of Mr. Parker Deacon, who on February 18th last shot M. Abelle, whom he found at night in his wife's room at the Hotel Splendide, at Cannes, began this morning before the Vice Court of Assizes. The court was filled with people, and the police were forced to take stringent measures to prevent overcrowding. After the first formalities had been gone through, M. Aubertin, the presiding judge, proceeded with the interrogation of the accused.—Mr. Deacon stated, in answer to the questions put to him, that he had for a long time been suspicious of the relations of his wife with M. Abelle, but he could get no positive proofs to substantiate his fears. In reply to the question whether he was sorry for having killed M. Abelle, the accused said he regretted his act, adding that a man of honor always regretted killing another man. This statement evoked an outburst of cheers from the people in court. Indeed, it was manifest from the first that the general sentiment was with the prisoner. The judge directed attention to the fact that Mr. Deacon had fired three times at M. Abelle when one shot would have sufficed, and said that such behaviour was suggestive of an implacable animosity which was hardly in keeping with the conduct of a man who had valiantly done his duty as a soldier during the war of secession. Mr. Deacon answered that he had acted without premeditation, and went on to say that it was his intention to sue for a divorce as soon as the present trial was over.—Maitre Demange, the counsel for the defence, directed the attention of the court to a report which had been generally circulated to the effect that Mr. Deacon had been induced by pecuniary considerations to condone the misconduct of his wife with M. Abelle. This was a gross slander. There was no want of money in the Deacon household, for the expenditure of the husband and wife amounted to eighteen months of 20,000 francs. Mr. Deacon was not in court, and a medical certificate was read declaring that the lady was not well enough to attend. The family of M. Abelle were not represented.

DEACON CROSS-EXAMINED.

Mr. Deacon was cross-examined at great length. He denied that he was a drunkard, and also that he was of violent disposition; though admitting that he had "a very decided character." He admitted that his wife had been much troubled by differences. She liked Paris; he preferred his own country. It was owing to anonymous letters that he forbade his wife seeing M. Abelle. She complained that it was impossible to live with him, as his suspicions had driven two friends from the house. M. Abelle continued to visit at the house, and subsequently his wife went to Mr. Moritz, after which she had been seen with M. Abelle.

SUSPICIONS AND APOLOGY.

The prisoner continued:—"I then sent a telegram to Promontorio, in the Tyrol, asking if Mrs. Deacon and M. Abelle had left the hotel. I received a letter saying that Mrs. Deacon and M. Abelle had left on Thursday for Bellagio. When I received this I telegraphed to the hotel at Bellagio, and a reply came unsigned that Mrs. Deacon and daughter had arrived the previous day, and were leaving the next day. I suspected the telegram, it not being signed, and sent a telegram to Mrs. Deacon: 'I know you were with you at St. Moritz. I am with you now. Have you eloped?' Answer at once, or I will use the police." Mrs. Deacon replied, 'I am not responsible for M. Abelle's presence at St. Moritz, and I am tired of this life; use your police if you will.' The next day she wrote: 'I am indignant at your suspicions of me. Hereafter all our communications must be through our solicitors, unless you cease your suspicions.' I then met an intimate friend at Geneva. He is now in court. I told him of all these telegrams, and he said I had made a great mistake in telegraphing to hotel keepers, which was an insult to any woman. He said I had no proof of the letters of Promontorio. It was probably a mistake. I then wrote a letter of apology to Mrs. Deacon, because I had insisted her in writing to hotel keepers. That letter did not reach her until ten days afterwards." Mr. Deacon was then questioned as to his subsequent employment of detectives; and the reports he received from them. He also, he said, found letters which he thought were of too intimate a character. Coming to the visit of his wife to Mr. Moritz, he explained that he did not accompany her there because his money had not arrived from America, but he followed later.

PRISONER'S ACCOUNT OF THE TRAGEDY.

He gave the following account of the circumstances leading up to the tragedy:—"I asked why she was going to the Hotel Splendide. She said that it was cheaper, that she had taken two rooms for herself on the entresol, and that her step-mother had given up a room on the first floor for me. I asked if it was not possible for us to be together. She said there were no other rooms. On the Wednesday evening I dined together in the salon of Mrs. Baldwin. A valet came in and announced the arrival of a visitor. He gave a card which I did not know. After passing about half an hour with Mrs. Baldwin, I went down stairs and found Mrs. Deacon on the entresol, and said, 'My dear, I should like us to have an understanding.' I further said, 'I know M. Abelle is here. I may here explain that though I had asked both the porter and the secretary they replied he had left the previous day and had gone to the house of the Princess de Sagan. My wife said, 'Yes, he is here, but he is leaving to-morrow.' I continued in a very friendly way, 'My dear little woman, this sort of life is too much for me. I will kill myself rather than it should go on.' Mrs. Deacon said, 'I don't want a divorce; I am

sufficiently happy with you, after all.' I then said good evening to her and went to my room. I was about to retire, when something came into my head, and I had an impulse to go down and see my wife again. I went down and put my ear to the door. There was a noise, but I could not distinguish whether it came from the room or was caused by something in the street. I went back again, but in about half an hour a peculiar feeling came over me again. I went again to listen at the door, and I unmistakably heard Abelle's voice (he had a hard, rasping voice). Then my blood was up, and I went to my room and got my revolver, and then went to the secretary and told him to come along with me, as there was something in my wife's room. I went and rapped at the door and said, 'Open.' There was no reply and I knocked again and said, 'If you do not open I will break it open.' In two or three minutes it was opened by Mrs. Deacon, who was in her dressing-gown, and held a candle in her hand. Somehow the light went out, and I then told the secretary to get a light quickly, and then stand at the passage. I went in, and found the bed disarranged, and then I went into the drawing-room and looked behind the curtains. Finding nobody there, I glanced round the room and noticed something black just above the back of the sofa. I said 'There is someone there,' and flung the candle on the table, prepared myself for an attack. But he did not move so I jumped to the sofa and fired three times. I had an American revolver which fired very quickly. Then I went round to the other side and got him by the shoulder. It was M. Abelle. He looked miserably afraid. I then went into the corridor and asked them to send for the police, and also drew the secretary's attention to the bed. My wife had been very quiet up to this moment, but when I spoke of the police she said, 'Oh! do not send for the police, it will make such a scandal; think of our position and of our children. She made an attempt to prevent me from going out to fetch the police, but I pointed the revolver at her head, though there were no cartridges left in it. The police came in, and Mrs. Deacon and her maid assisted in getting M. Abelle into his room. It had been said that I premeditated the killing of M. Abelle, but I had no such premeditation. My blood rushed to my head, and you must remember that, under such circumstances as I found my wife, I could scarcely be as cool as I am now. I fired, and when I saw the poor little man lying there so miserably, I felt a great regret. Every man must regret when he has killed another.' (Loud applause in court.)

Mrs. DEACON'S DEPOSITION.

The President proceeded to read the signed depositions of Mrs. Deacon, of which the following is a summary:—"My name is Florence Deacon, and my maiden name was Baldwin. I first met M. Abelle four years ago in Parisian society, which I frequented with my husband. M. Abelle was a very agreeable man, and he used to talk a good deal to both of us. Since the time we met M. Abelle, I have been every winter on the Riviera, at Monte Carlo, and other resorts. I left Paris to go to Cannes. I was entirely ignorant of the presence of M. Abelle in the Hotel Splendide at that time. By a most deplorable fatality, the rooms which he occupied were next to those I taken. On the following day, Mrs. Deacon, by chance, at the house of the Princess de Sagan, by whom we were invited to breakfast, together with other friends. I was taken completely by surprise, and I much regret that he was at the Hotel Splendide. Had I known it at the time I would not have dared to go and stay there at the same time. M. Abelle told me he was going to leave the following day, and I went up for dinner, my husband, who had seen the name of M. Abelle on the register of visitors, told me that M. Abelle was in the hotel. I replied that that was so, but that he was leaving on the following day. After that I sat for some time in the presence of my husband and my step-mother. Then some one came and announced a visitor for me, namely, M. Abelle. This was I should think, about 9 o'clock. I said, in the presence of my husband, that he might wait for me. I went down stairs almost immediately in company with my step-mother. After having passed an hour in my salon, M. Abelle left me. This would have been about ten o'clock. Then my maid came in and I went up for dressing. My maid then left me to retire to rest. This was about half-past 10. Scarcely had she gone out than M. Abelle knocked at the door of the salon. He came in and said that he had forgotten to tell me of the arrangements which had been made by Madame de Gallifon and others for the party to Monte Carlo. M. Abelle stopped about three quarters of an hour in my salon talking to me, when a loud knock, followed by a formidable kick of the foot, came at the door of my bedroom. I went to open the door, taking a lighted candle which had been on the dressing-table on my way. My husband entered like a madman and said, 'There is some one in the room.' He rushed out of the salon and followed him. M. Abelle was, I believe, standing behind an arm-chair when my husband fired the first time. It was after this that he went to take refuge behind the sofa, and then my husband fired the other two shots. I said to my husband, 'You have killed him.' He said, 'Send for a doctor.' I was so much excited by this time that I cannot recall what happened afterwards. My maid held my husband, who wished to attack M. Abelle again. She denied that there was any impropriety in M. Abelle's visit.

VERDICT AND SENTENCE.

The jury retired at 8.15 and returned in half an hour. They found that Mr. Deacon had intended to shoot, hack, and wound M. Abelle, but not to kill him. The judges retired, and on returning, sentenced Mr. Deacon to one year's imprisonment.

Mr. Ritchie is again indisposed. He is suffering from a recurrence of the abscess with which he was troubled a year ago. This has been relieved by operation.

HURRICANE AT MAURITIUS.

1,200 PEOPLE KILLED AND 1,000 INJURED.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)

PORT LOUIS, April 30.—The island was visited yesterday by a hurricane of extraordinary violence, more fatal and destructive in its effects than any previously recorded in the course of the kind. The barometer fell in the course of an hour to 27.95, and the wind, while the hurricane was at its height, attained a velocity of 120 miles an hour. The havoc wrought in the capital and throughout the island is most lamentable, and the loss of life still more distressing, as 1,200 have been killed and many more injured. Thousands of people have been rendered homeless. This city is partly destroyed, and great devastation is reported from many other parts. Fifty per cent. of the crops has been destroyed. All the vessels in the harbour have been damaged or driven ashore. In view of the terrible amount of distress caused by this catastrophe, it is hoped that assistance will be sent from England. The Government is doing its best to procure relief for the population and the agriculturists, but the resources of the colony are insufficient to meet the emergency. The governor is displaying great devotion in the midst of the overwhelming disaster which has fallen upon the island, and the people appreciate his energy and resourcefulness in these trying circumstances. The population is quiet; there is no fear of famine, and the slight panic which prevailed in the first instance was soon allayed. No English families are among the injured.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Baron H. De Worms, speaking in the House of Commons on Friday, in reply to Mr. H. W. Wright, said the Acting-governor of Mauritius had telegraphed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies the following facts:—"Hurricane visited Mauritius 29th April; one-third of Port Louis destroyed; the Royal College, twenty-four churches and chapels, and many sugar mills in the country completely wrecked. Over 600 deaths in Port Louis and 300 deaths in the country, and about 1,000 wounded. Port Louis district returns are incomplete, but probably same amount. No loss among the military. Estimated reduction in crops one-half; destruction of property enormous. No famine apprehended; all relief measures taken and relief committees appointed, order and quiet renewed. Pressing wants of homeless people, pecuniary assistance urgently needed. The Secretary of State, Baron H. De Worms added, had communicated with the Lord Mayor in view of opening a relief fund.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)

FOUR WOMEN MURDERED.

New York, May 19.—A telegram from Denison, Texas, announces that a series of murders was committed there during the night, between the hours of 11 and half-past 3, by some person or persons who have hitherto escaped arrest. The ferocity with which these crimes were perpetrated and the apparent absence of any motive has thrown the inhabitants into the wildest state of excitement. The victims were all women. The first was the young wife of Dr. Henry Haynes, whose residence is situated just outside Denison. The lady was alone at the time, her husband being in the city. In this case the crime seems to have been perpetrated in pursuance of an attempt to rob the house, as Mrs. Haynes was found dead with several bullet wounds, while further investigation proved that her residence had been ransacked. Three hours later Miss Teen Hawley, a young lady belonging to a much respected family, was murdered by an unknown assassin. She lived in the heart of the city, and the murderer appears to have entered the girl's bedroom, whereupon Miss Hawley, in her fright, rushed for protection into an adjoining apartment. The victim was a woman of about 19 years of age, and was found lying on her back, with a bullet wound in her forehead. She had thrown herself upon her mother's bed, when a bullet was fired through the window, and stretched the unfortunate girl dead upon the floor. The next scene of murder was a house of ill-repute in another part of the town. Here the assassin fired from the porch through a window, killing one of the inmates named Mand Kinser. He then apparently crossed into the next street, and fired from the sidewalk into a house of the same description, owned by a woman named Williams. In this case also he fired into a window, and killed a girl named Rose Stewart, who was looking out at the time. There were no other victims of these crimes. Hundreds of the inhabitants have provided themselves with arms, and are assisting the sheriff's officers to discover the murderer. Bloodhounds have also been placed upon the track.

New York, May 20.—A telegram from Denison, Texas, where the extraordinary series of murders occurred yesterday, reports this morning that a fifth woman who lived in one of the houses previously mentioned was struck by a bullet and wounded, but only slightly. The excitement in the town about the whole affair knows no bounds. Soldiers patrol the streets day and night, and arrest every person found in the streets late at night. A large reward is offered for any information which leads to the discovery and conviction of the murderer.

A TRAIN ROBBER.

HALF CENTURY'S IMPRISONMENT.

ROCHESTER (New York), May 20.—The court here has passed sentence upon the train robber, Oliver Perry, who on February 21st last attempted to rob the express car of a train on the New York Central Railroad. He was discovered by the officials, and when the train was stopped, attempted to escape down the line upon another engine. After a most exciting chase, in which revolver shots were freely exchanged, he was captured. Yesterday Perry pleaded guilty to various indictments, and was condemned for his various offences to a cumulative sentence, amounting to forty-nine years and three months.

THE REPORTED DEATHS FROM CHOLERA IN PARIS.

PARIS, May 19.—A post mortem examination of the two persons whose deaths at the Tenon Hospital, in this city, were attributed to cholera, has shown that in one case death was due to uræmia, and that only one of the

deceased fell a victim to cholera nostras. Other deaths from the latter disease are reported to have occurred at the Beaujon Hospital, off the Avenue Friedland.

AN EDITOR'S ALLEGED CONTEMPT OF COURT.

NASSAU (BAMARAS), May 18.—A great sensation has been caused here by the action taken by the Chief Justice of the colony against the editor of the Nassau Guardian for an alleged contempt of court. A letter was recently published in that newspaper criticising the letters and conduct of the Chief Justice, and ridiculing certain of his proceedings. For this letter the editor accepted the full responsibility, and he has now been sentenced by the Chief Justice to pay a fine and to be imprisoned at the pleasure of the court. The editor, it is alleged, was not permitted to make any defence, nor was he allowed time for consideration. It is maintained that the publication of the letter in question did not constitute contempt of court, inasmuch as it was not calculated to injure the Chief Justice's character, and public indignation at the treatment of the editor of the duration runs very high. A deputation, representing inhabitants of every class and of all religious denominations, has waited on the governor to protest against the Chief Justice's action. It is also urged that the Legislature of the colony should exercise its rights to provide a limitation of such irresponsible power on the part of the first law officer.

THE COACHING CLUBS.

The first meets of the Coaching and Four-in-Hand Clubs will be held on May 28th and 29th respectively, at the Magazine, Hyde Park, at 1 o'clock, from whence they will drive to Hurlingham.

ACTION AGAINST MR. LOUIS BONAPARTE.

In the Queen's Bench on Thursday, before Mr. Justice Hawkins and a special jury, the case of *Cochill v. Bonaparte* came on for hearing. The plaintiff, Mr. G. S. Cochill, of Ventnor, Isle of Wight, sought to recover from the defendant, Mr. Louis Clovis Bonaparte, £281 18s. for medical services rendered to the defendant and his wife. The defendant denied that the services were rendered, alleged that Mrs. Bonaparte was not his wife, and also alleged that the visit was made for an improper purpose.—When the case was called on by Mr. Willis, for the defendant, applied that the hearing might be postponed on account of Mrs. Bonaparte being indisposed and unable to attend the court. The application was refused, and Mr. Willis said he should withhold from the case after a while argument with the judge before the court.—Mr. Reid said he thought that when the jury had heard the story which he had to tell them they would not be surprised either at the desire of the defendant to evade the trial, or the anxiety of the plaintiff that the question should be tried in open court. The plaintiff was a doctor, residing in the Isle of Wight, and brought the action to recover money for medical attendance on a lady who was called Mrs. Clovis and claimed to be the wife of the defendant, who in turn said she was not. He also claimed £221 for attendance upon the defendant himself. It was in April, 1890, at Ventnor, that the plaintiff was consulted by Mrs. Clovis for an ailment which would not be cured by the defendant. There was no truth in the suggestion made by the defence. 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PIPER PAN.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

Now I sympathize with my correspondent for the loss of his birds, which nature embitters him against cats and cat owners but I cannot in the least agree that justifies him in laying poison about, catching a cat in the act of killing his fowls. If he wreaked summary vengeance on animal, one would have nothing to say. When he puts out poison how does he guarantee that only the offending cats punished? May not many be killed and not a single cat? May not birds, and who can pick a cat from a bird, be so much cherished by their owners as such as Lehighs are by him? May not dogs victims just as easily? No; poison spread is a cowardly, unfair practice altogether, has no redeeming feature. As to the suggestion put forward in his letter, I pass over as utterly unfounded and as due to anger and bitterness of feeling. Has he been bending a good piece of his wire netting

From "Diplomacy" at the Avenue, I went on to an "At Home," where I heard a rising young actor give a couple of recitations, better than the other. Happily they were brief, and I feel I owe that youthful player my thanks. He might have held us with

OLD IZAAK.

Mr. E. C. Blundell occupied the chair at the special general meeting of the Piscataway Fishing Society, held at the Holborn Restaurant, Wednesday evening, and there was a good attendance. I congratulate the society for having secured some excellent water for members to fish, and the meeting unanimously approved and ratified the action.

The propinquity with which low-class Radicals keep on repeating lies, which to know to be lies, is simply scandalous. A favourite assertion of these mendacious priests is that a revenue of a few millions would be sufficient to support the rest of the royal family out of the pockets of the taxpayer. What is the truth? That by far the larger portion of the sum set apart for the support of British royalty comes from the Crown lands and from the duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster. That is, it is derived from private property, and not from the public purse. I challenge the papers which give credence to this ancient fraud to produce the details which they make up the alleged million per annum. Ananias sits in the editorial chair, Sapphira helps him with "copy."

MADAME.

You will want to know what colours materials are most in vogue, and, as wool

If my readers are as fond of little as I am, what delightful things they can make in the way of shawls for going out in the evening, as well as the daintiest under-garments for the little ones. From a sanitary point of view, I think there is nothing so good next the skin as a knitted Shetland vest, for young or old, and if you want to know how to make these under-garments, as well as a number of pretties for bazaars, I do not think you can do better than get some of Mrs. Leach's patterns. Numbers on these are given in the numbers on crinkled paper decorations is particularly fascinating. I am looking forward to try my hand on all manner of pretty things that lovely crinkly stuff.

MR. WHEELER.

Entirely do I agree with the *Irish Cyc* about the monotony of riding in a flat country. The roads are pretty sure to be strident and it is most wearisome to go on pillion a mile after mile without anything to draw attention from the work of pedalling. At the same time, it must be confessed that in frequent hills, such as one meets beyond Exeter, are still more trying. The position of country for cycling purposes is one which has an undulating surface, with and there a stish hill to introduce a change. In these respects, and, indeed, in all others, the road to Farnham, via Leatherhead

How out the Rudge triplet safety be-
"the fastest machine in the world?" The
Cocks tandem safety does not yet lay claim
I believe, to that imposing title, but
recent smashing of records on the Fadding
track shows that the Rudge triplet is
the fastest of racing machines of its own type. No
doubt any doubt about the authenticity
this testing trial. The times were taken
the official time-taker, and the distances
the track are, of course, measured to
exact inch. It is now the turn of the trip-
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**HUDSON'S
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we impose duties upon certain articles which no one would claim as necessary to the community in general, we shall only touch the fringe of the difficulty. Lord Salisbury admitted that "the Power have most reason to complain of the United States." That is so. It is beyond all doubt that the McKinley tariff has been the most instrumental of any of the numerous prohibitive tariffs in causing injury to our export trade. But the United States supply us largely with

ne necessities, food stuffs and raw material, which Lord Salisbury would exempt from defensive duties. England would, therefore, still be left defenceless against her most serious foe in the war of tariffs if she were to follow Lord Salisbury's advice. To irritate our continental neighbours by the imposition of heavy duties upon the luxuries which they now sell us, while leaving the United States free to exclude us from their markets, scarcely seems a statesmanlike

tion of this important and difficult problem. Moreover, there is the colonial question to be considered. Commercial distance between England and her colonies against the rest of the world is a magnificent idea, and one which, despite the difficulties which beset its attainment, will, we are convinced, be realised in the future. If, however, we allow the United States to export their produce to us on the same terms as

Canada and Australia, how can we expect the colonies to allow us to sell our manufactures in their markets on more advantageous terms than we do at present? It is, therefore, difficult to see how Lord Salisbury's plan can be worked out to the advantage of this country. One thing, however, is certain, that the advantages which the English people enjoy in consequence of the cheapness of necessaries is likely to be more than balanced by the absence of spending

wer in all classes of the community must result from the gradual exclusion of British exports from the world's markets. It is our right and our duty as a nation to take such measures of defence as will put a stop to the progress of that melancholy movement.

THE SMALL HOLDINGS BILL.

A word of congratulation is due to the Government in general and to the Minister in Agriculture in particular on the occasion of the introduction of the Small Holdings Bill.

on of the passing of the Small Holdings Bill through the committee stage in the House of Commons. That event, which occurred on Tuesday last, produced a well-deserved compliment to Mr. Chaplin from no less excellent a judge of agricultural matters than Mr. Jesse Collings. But Mr. Collings only expressed the general satisfaction with which Mr. Chaplin's measure has been received alike on both sides of the House of Commons and by the public. There can, indeed, be no question that

is measure, devised and carried through by a Conservative Administration, is so named as to confer substantial benefits upon the agricultural labourer. Taking this bill in connection with the Allotments Act we may well ask whether the Liberal Government has ever been able to show a better record of positive work done in the interests of the agricultural class of the community? What has Mr. Gladstone, after all his promises, done for that class? Nothing—absolutely nothing. Ministers,

merely, may go to the country without such fear of the verdict of the rural constituencies, which will certainly base their expectations of the intentions of the two parties for the future upon the experience of their respective promises and performances in the past.

A NEW ALDERMAN.

Mr. William Vaughan Morgan has sworn a member of the Court of Aldermen on Wednesday at the Guildhall. He was introduced by Mr. King, of the firm of Messrs. Weston, King and Co. solicitors, who mentioned that

Mr. Coroner Piniger opened an inquiry into the death of the Black Boys Hotel, Newbury, in connection with the tragic circumstances connected with the tragedy.

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There were 2,877 births and 1,597 deaths last week in London.

Last week there were three deaths from smallpox in the metropolis.

There were no fewer than 136 deaths from measles in London last week.

Forty-nine deaths last week in London were attributable to accident or negligence.

The German miner's average wage is £28 6s. per year.

No four-shilling pieces have been issued since the early part of last year.

Lord Wolsley describes Gordon as "one of the two great heroes I have met in my life."

The population of Greater London is now estimated by the registrar-general at 5,732,400.

During last year imperial and colonial coins of thirty-two different denominations were struck.

Ceylon has a spider which spins a yellow web the threads of which are almost as thick as wire.

A man is on trial in the courts of Cleveland, Ohio, charged with being the husband of twenty-one women.

Elijah Sherman, who had been convicted of murder in Bryan county, Georgia, has committed suicide in gaol.

In Corfu sheets of paper pass for money; one sheet buys one quart of rice, or twenty sheets a piece of hemp cloth.

There are now three lady commercial travellers who go the rounds regularly for drapery houses in the City.

The average annual earnings of all classes of miners in the United States are put at £27 6s., as against £26 in this country.

A walnut tree, 6ft. 6in. in diameter and 80ft. to the first branch, will be the unique exhibit at a Missouri town to the World's Fair.

James Ford, a farmer, of Middletown, Kentucky, has been murdered by two coloured men with whom he had had trouble in the courts.

Under the scheme for calling in light gold about 2,500,000 sovereigns and 4,000,000 half-sovereigns were received by the Bank of England.

Archdeacon Farrar reiterates what Professor Bryce says—that the average condition of the clergy in America is better than that of the English clergy.

The Ulster Anti-Rape Union will send a delegation to England with the object of canvassing every constituency in the country in favour of Unionist candidates.

The Coventry police have seized the goods of three tradesmen for non-payment of the vicar's rate. There is likely to be great difficulty in effecting a sale by auction.

Mrs. Lennie Taylor, of Sherwood, Iron county, Texas, slipped into the gaol at that place unobserved, and shot and killed a man named Wilson, who had been arrested for slandering her.

The Duke has granted the use of the suite of apartments at Hampton Court Palace formerly occupied by the late Mrs. Alexander Ellice, to Lady Napier, widow of the late Gen. Lord Napier of Chobham.

The Duke of Fife, president of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, will take the chair at the annual court of governors of that institution, to be held at the hospital on the 31st inst., at 4.30 p.m.

Her Majesty's judges will attend divine service at St. Paul's Cathedral on the afternoon of the Hospital Sunday, June 19th, and will dine with the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on the following Wednesday.

The Duchess of Bedford was attired at the drawing-room in a dress of pale mauve satin, the front embroidered very handsomely in silver. The train, of bright mauve velvet was lined with satin matching that of the dress.

A new fire station, estimated to cost £10,260, and large enough to accommodate eleven men and two horses, and to contain steam fire-engines, a manual engine, a hose cart, and four-escapes, is to be erected at Dulwich.

George W. Frantz, a tailor, of Reading, Penna., committed suicide by hanging himself in the room in which his wife was sleeping. When Mrs. Frantz awoke she found her husband's body hanging to the bedpost.

Madame Adelina Patti has achieved a triumphant success at New York. On the occasion of her last appearance there was a grand concert at about 20,000, who received and applauded the diva with immense enthusiasm.

Marylebone has once again declared its against the adoption of the Free Libraries Act within its boundaries, the result of poll being: For, 2,950; against, 3,830—majority against, 880. This makes the third time that the promoters of the Free Libraries movement have been defeated in Marylebone.

The Duke of Westminster has forwarded £200 to the treasurer of the London Temperance Hospital, Hamstead-road, for the purchase of the Grosvenor Children's Ward, owned on the 11th inst. by the Duchess of Westminster. His grace has also signified his intention of raising his annual subscription to £100.

"I learn on what I believe to be thorough trustworthy authority," writes the London correspondent of *Glasgow Herald*, "that the dissolution of Parliament will be gazetted early in August, and that the announcement will precede date at which it will take place will be made soon after the Ulster Convention—say, somewhere about the 24th June."

Although the issues of silver coin last year fell short of those of either of the two preceding years, they were still considerably above the average, while the exceptional demand for bronze coin experienced in 1890 was maintained during the first half of 1891.

The decrease in the imperial gold coins by nearly a million sterling.

The Duke of Connaught presided at the twenty-seventh anniversary festival of the Royal Caledonian Asylum, held at Freemasons' Tavern. His royal highness referred to the Duke of Sussex laying the foundation-stone in 1827, and pointed out the fact that the first institution had a government grant, but expressed his regret that additional funds were required to extend its operations.

A case arising out of Stock Exchange transactions came on in the Queen's Bench Division in which Miss L. E. Aldridge sought to recover £41 is. 6d. from Mr. F. Grosvener, an outside broker.

At a recent sitting of the Court of Criminal Appeal the jury to say whether the transactions took place on the over-system or whether it had been a warranty contract. The jury found the transactions bona fide, and awarded the plaintiff £7,145 12s.

A dispute as to the custody of two children, the sons of Mr. Stansbury, a Roman Catholic, came before Justice Wille and Mr. Justice Brett. The father separated two years ago, and the mother took the boys to a Lutheran mother and the father applied for a writ of habeas corpus to recover them. When the case came on he did not appear, but a gentleman attended on his behalf, with a power of attorney to recover the children. The father then obtained an order, Mr. Justice

remarking that everyone knew how certificates of all kinds could be obtained.
 There were 14,741 visitors to South Kensington Museum last week.
 The little daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Fife is now four years old.
 During April London consumed 190,921,833 gallons of coal during the month.
 W. Londoners obtained 91,255,469 gallons of water daily from the Thames during April.
 The deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs last week in the metropolis numbered 304.
 The registrar-general reports that eight infants under a year old were suffocated in bed last week.
 Mr. Middleton, the chief Conservative agent, has issued a circular to Conservative members and candidates, asking to be furnished with the names of local agents.
 At Ipswich on the other day a pleasure boat was capsized on the Orwell, and the owner, a waterman, named Spurling, was drowned.
 The passengers were rescued.
 The municipal election in All Saints Ward, Birmingham, which took place on political lines, resulted in the return of the Unionist candidate, Mr. Adie, by a majority of 106 over his Gladstonite opponent.
 Mother: Do you think he loves you? Daughter: I am not quite certain, but I intend to put his affection to a strong test this evening when he calls I will sing and play to him. "Tara-ra-Boom-de-ay."
 A merchant in Frankfurt-on-Main has just been presented for light, and he had issued the following plaint. Beginning with the words: "Let there be light, and there was light." The court sentenced him to a fine of £5.
 As Thomas Lawton approached the scaffold in Colorado Penitentiary his nerves gave way, and he begged piteously for his life. It required an hour's delay for him to gain his composure sufficiently to allow the execution to proceed.
 One of the most striking dresses at the drawing-room was that worn by Miss Maddock, with gold, the brilliant tints being carried out in a bouquet of scarlet anthuriums and yellow orchids.
 The late Pat Rooney was supposed to have left a snug little fortune as the result of his work on the stage, and two women promptly claimed to be his wife. It now appears that he left nothing, and the rival widows have been promptly vanished.
 Chicago's suicide club appears to be conducted on the substitute principle. One of its members, a man named McKeath, instead of committing himself, the majority of the club should now be invoked to assist the suicide in vindicating its pretensions.
 Four big steamships have now been despatched from America to Russia, laden with food for the starving peasants. Altogether they have carried out over 25,000,000lb. of food stuffs, which is a very substantial contribution to the needs of that stricken people.
 The Great Eastern Railway Company have contracted with Earle's Shipbuilding Company to build, for their continent-bound traffic, a new powerful vessel with a guaranteed speed of 17½ knots an hour.
 The late Mr. William Astor has left a fortune of 70,000,000, all of which, save a few millions, will be handed over to his son John Jacob. The founder of the house of Astor journeyed to America 100 years ago as a steerage passenger, and landed with 25dol. in his pocket.
 The bill which the Government are preparing in regard to access to mountains in Scotland will, it is understood, remove all restrictions to travelling over moors and mountains except during the grouse-shooting and the deer-stalking seasons.
 The Lord Mayor presided on Tuesday evening at the biennial festival dinner of the Royal Maternal Charity, which was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The subscriptions announced at the table amounted to £210 10s.
 Lady Arlington, who was presented at the drawing-room on her marriage, wore a white satin dress veiled with fine lace. Her beautiful train was made of fine white lace or brocade. A sash of carnation pink exactly matched the tint of the lovely Rothschild carnations that composed her bouquet.
 At a recent reception at Lord Borthwick Lady Salisbury appeared in a primrose coloured satin dress embellished with a diamond necklace and bracelet, and a diamond and red rose hair covered her abundant grey hair, which was dressed, as it always is, in the quaint fashion of a single large puff on the nape of the neck.
 Edward Rhye, otherwise Elliott, stated to be a retired captain, formerly of the W. Yorkshire Regiment, was remanded on Tuesday at Bow-street on the charge of having obtained £35 from a girl named Mary Marshall, of 10, Grosvenor Fields, on the security of a pecuniary interest with which he had already parted.
 George Golding, is described as "Champion Bottle-carrier of the World" this because he carried a two-gallon stout bottle neck downwards, on his head, 6 miles in 11hr. 36min. 26sec. At the Aquatics Club (39in. in diameter), and in carrying a wheel in 21min. 35sec. Two miles were accomplished in 21min. 35sec.
 Charles Tanettin, a San Francisco store, ended his life in a horrible manner. Shortly before dark Tanettin tried to jump into the bay from the dock, but was restrained. Then he asked permission to enter the fire-room and warm himself. Being the engineer could catch him, his body lay on the bed of red-hot coals in furnace.
 The annual official inspection of the Middlesex (Post Office) Rides will take place in Hyde Park on the day fixed for the collection of the Queen's birthday, viz., Wednesday. The inspection will be held by Duke of Cambridge. The parade will be formed up at noon. At a later hour Honourable Artillery Company will hold their annual birthday parade.
 The Master of the Bolls and Lords Just Fry and Lopes have given judgment in appeal by the Crystal Palace Company against the decision of Mr. Justice Day, held that the company was liable, under Metropolitan Local Management Acts, to a sum of £2,926, being their proportion of the cost of paying the Crystal Palace Company for the use of the Palace for Justice Day's decision and dismissed the appeal with costs.
 A man of colour, who gave a fictitious address and said his name was Nash, was manacled at the Mansion House Police Court on the charge of having stolen an umbrella from the property of a barrister of the Middle Temple. The prisoner was detained at the Middle Temple on Monday night for a fortnight, but he was false prisoner, as he was identified by the police as a man who pledged the umbrella, which had been stolen from the Inner Temple Library.
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English, French, German, and Spanish he speaks fluently.

The bargain-counter man always cuts a great figure.

David Rhodes, of McLeanboro, Illinois, shot his brother during a quarrel, and then killed himself.

The influenza has not entirely disappeared from the metropolis. Last week ten deaths were primarily attributed to it.

Huntingdon county, U.S., is without a dollar in its treasury, and the limit of assessment on real estate has been reached.

M. R. E. W. Cooper has bequeathed to the National Gallery a landscape with figures by Moucheron.

According to the New York State Board of Health, there has been in that State 35,193 deaths within the past three months.

The Maidstone Museum and Art Gallery has acquired for its permanent collection a "View of Hastings," by Mr. Albert Goodwin, R.I.

The Bishop of Bedford has been ordered to take a long rest by his medical adviser, and has arranged to reside in Haslemead, Credenford, for the next few months.

Mr. James Wilson, chief superintendent of the Liverpool Post Office, has been promoted to the postmastership of Preston.

A meeting of Parnellite members has been held at the House, to make arrangements for candidates at the forthcoming general election.

A man named Joe Partre was killed by a brick thrown by some unknown person while he was attempting to quell a riot among some Italians at Altoona.

Mr. McCarthy being still indisposed, it has now been definitely arranged that Mr. Sexton shall move the rejection of the Irish Local Government Bill.

James Gilhartin, a longshoreman, was killed in a lodging-house in New York. He was stabbed by a coloured man, over whom he had emptied a pitcher of water.

"The bitter feeling which exists in some quarters against the Church is due," declares Viscount Cross, "to its vitality. It is essentially the Church of the poor."

"The rich," said Mr. Jacob Bright at the Women's Liberal Federation, "cannot legislate for the poor, nor can they for the rich, nor can men for women; but for all."

There were twenty-five deaths from scarlet fever in Walsden last week, twenty-four from diphtheria, sixty-six from whooping-cough, seven from enteric fever, and nine from diarrhoea and dysentery.

The *New Free Press* learns that the wedding of Count Herbert Bismarck and Countess Margaret Hoyos will take place not at Fiume, but in Vienna, on June 2nd. Prince Bismarck is expected to be present.

Another proof of the great repugnance of the Swiss authorities to the act of carrying out of the country with penalty has just been given by the decision of the Grand Council of St. Gall to commute the capital sentence passed upon a murderer named Aichele, although the man had confessed his crime.

Theatre Treasurer: I can't help it. My orders are imperative. Read the notice he bind you.—Walker Wayback: But I played with Booth for over three years.—Theatre Treasurer: What did you play for, heaven's sake?—Walker Wayback: I played the bardum in the Salvation Army.

Mr. Registrar Gifford was on Tuesday asked to make an order that Mr. Horatio Bottoms should be adjudged bankrupt, on the ground that no scheme for the settlement of his affairs had been accepted by his creditors. The matter was adjourned till the 21st of June.

The Birmingham Hospital Committee have purchased for the purposes of a convalescent home Tanyocote, near Llandudno, the seat of the late Mr. D. F. Davies. The Misses Davies have subscribed £10,000 of the £10,000 required by the institution, which will be inaugurated by the mayors, has been named after them.

A fire occurred at an oil shop in the occupation of George May, in Kilburn Park-road, Kilburn, early on Tuesday morning. Several persons had a narrow escape, the flames being destroyed. Eventually all the stams were rescued by means of a cab being pulled on to the ground. The people assisted the firemen. The premises were burned out.

Mr. E. B. Dickens, son of the late Charles Dickens, who is M.P. for Wilcaunia, N. South Wales, was addressing his constituents recently, and was preceded by a fellow M.P. Mr. Willis, who had indulged in a somewhat protracted oration. "My late father," said Mr. Dickens, "is reported to have once said 'Barkis is willin';' but if he had been here he would say 'Willis is barkin'.'"

Det. Gaillard, one of the old and most efficient type of French heeler, is now in the Paris detective force on a pension of £64 yearly. Gaillard is a little man with wrinkles in rusty black, and has the air of ordinary small tradesman or employé. There is nothing in his appearance to denote a dangerous and difficult calling which he has followed for a quarter of a century.

The streets of Berlin are soon to be enriched by a large number of so-called "Uraniball," of which it is proposed to set up all 300 in the city. The plan is to have a quarter of a century, and will each contain a clock, meteorological instruments, weather charts, astronomical and geographical announcements; and also, as in the streets of Paris, a plan of the neighbouring streets enlarged form, to enable strangers to find their way.

Mary Ann Harris, 17, was, at the W. London Police Court, sentenced to six months' hard labour for having absconded with a house in which she was employed. When the prisoner was arrested charged her mother with having received jewellery, and the mother was consequently arrested. Subsequently, however, she withdrew the accusation, and her mother was charged from custody.

At the Worship-street Police Court, Hinchaw and T. Jones, bricklayers, were committed for trial on the charge of having committed a robbery on a woman, a woman was entering her house on the night of the 2nd May when she received a fearful blow on the side of the head, and remained unconscious. Prisoners did not deny the assault, but pleaded that by mistake they had struck the wrong woman.

The receipts on account of revenue for the last of April, 1892, when there was a balance of £26,255,169, to May 14th, 1892, was £9,948,534, against £11,448,318 in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, which began with a balance of £23,709,897. The next expenditure was £12,298,359, against £12,012,315 to the same date in the previous year. The total balances on May 14th, 1892, amounted to £25,256,971, and at the same date in 1891 to £24,011,400.

The reports received by the Congested Districts Board from the Glenties Bay, show that about thirty local hands are employed, and are rapidly being trained to work. During the past week over 300 men had left Aran for the English markets. Owing to the success of the training, the board has decided to try to make somewhat similar arrangements in connection with the herring fishery. Grants to a few national schools for

The telephone takes everybody's word. There's no doubt about it that a sugar trust in its way is a sugar scoop.

There are men who have more fear of dying a beggar than of living one.

Some of the latest patterns in trousers are so loud that one can almost hear them rustle.

There is one thing to be said for the insect-vocabulary-teller. He thinks a great deal of his relations.

The swallow is a bird of easy flight. That is why a man is flighty when he has taken several swallows.

A collector of curiosities wants to get the original brush with which the signs of the times were painted.

A clever Yankee has just patented a collar button which does its own awaring when it rolls under the bureau.

Henry Keller was found dead in Bedford street, Glasgow. Death had resulted from heart disease.

The London newsboy has a pronunciation peculiarly his own. *Sally's* friend is the girl who gives to weekly magazine recently started by a popular journalist.

Editor: We ought to get a new heading for the weather column. "Local Forecasts" about played out.—Assistant: How would "The Unexpected Always Happens" do?

An enterprising Yankee who is about to start a hotel in the North Carolina Mountains states that he will call it "The Woman's Mouth," because it will be open all the year round.

In the William Tell monument to be erected at Altorf the sculptor, Richard Kissling, represents Tell with his hand on his right shoulder. The work will be executed in bronze.

John Kerr, a Dumfriesshire confectioner, recently died from chloroform poisoning. He had been suffering from illness, and took draught of the drug to alleviate the attack and was then discovered in an unconscious condition.

Miss E. Dickson, daughter of the member for Dublin, has recently passed a brilliant examination at the Royal University of Ireland. In the medical examination she had not only secured the first place, but is also first in letters.

Mrs. Allison, of Shinee-row, Sunderland, was driving a trap, accompanied by a friend and a boy, when the pony took fright and rushed away at full speed. The occupant of the trap were thrown out, Mrs. Allison being killed on the spot. The lady and boy were severely shaken.

The first sod of a new park, extending upwards of 100 acres, which has been acquired at a cost of £42,000, was cut on Monday by the Mayor of Stanley. A thousand and public rejoicings. Five thousand pounds to form the nucleus of a fund or league out the park, was left by the late Sir George Meakin.

A man calling himself Arthur Crawford, whose real name was said to be Posnansky, was charged at Bow-street Police Court, with offences against the Bankruptcy Act. It was said that within four months of his petition he had obtained goods worth £5,000 and shipped them to the continent, where they were sold at less than cost price. He was remanded.

Miss Marion Lea appears at the Avenue as a trained princess robe of shimmering silver, moiré silk. The corsage is cut square, stiffened with chiffon, and a deep fringe of chiffon hangs loosely about the arms below the single high-set puff which forms the sleeve. Diamonds gleam in her red-brown hair, which is slightly drawn back. A pearl necklace, instead of being carelessly bared together, as Miss Lea wore her hair in Ibsen's plays.

Chicago has been revolted by a murder of shocking brutality, Mrs. Bridget E. Walsh, the victim, and her nephew, Thomas Walsh, the murderer. The body was horribly mutilated, sixty-five gashes, some of an inch in length, were made in the body. A post-mortem examination has been made, and the body was found to be in a state of extreme shock. Walsh said, when arrested, that they had been drinking beer together, and Mrs. Walsh slapped his face. He then drew a knife and stabbed her, and the sight of blood made him insane.

"When," said Lord Wolesey to a *Strait* interviewer, "I took Ceteaway he was accompanied by several hundred wives. I gave him three out of these, and shipped him in a man-of-war to an island in Table Mountain. He was continually asking the wives to behead him, and I gave him three. A wife of his said I was returning to England, he gave me a message to the effect that, if I would give him any more, would I exchange three he had for three others!"

At the commencement of the excursion season the London and North-Western Railway Company again draw public attention to the evil and dangerous habit of throwing bottles from the windows of the trains while in motion. Many cases have arisen in which serious injuries have been caused by the infliction upon the servants of the company of stones on the line. Empty bottles can be left in the carriages.

When the mail parcel coach which runs between London and Tunbridge Wells arrived at the Sevenoaks Post Office about 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning, the horses were let out as usual, but the guard, it is alleged, omitted to put the skid under the wheel. The coach consequently ran backwards down the High-street, and coming into contact with a lamp-post, was thrown round and broken windows smashed into large shops. The guard, who was on the coach, jumped into the road for the collision occurred.

Mr. George Hatton, the superintendent of St. Giles' Mission, makes his annual appeal for funds to give the 1,500 children attending the Sunday schools and Hands of Hope at St. Giles' Christian Mission "a day's holiday in the green fields." Beyond the home excursion it has, during the last few years, been the custom of the mission to send the children who are sickly for a fortnight or so to the seaside or to country houses. Contributions may be sent to Mr. F. A. Hevan, 54, Lombard street, E.C.4, or to Mr. Hatton, 4, Ampthill street, Regent-square, W.C.

At the London County Sessions, Sharpe, a barman, and Charlotte Fuller, a waitress of a public-house, were indicted for stealing a quantity of spirits and other articles, the property of the sheriff, which had been taken from the shop of the sheriff's officer during a recent raid. It was stated that during the raid the property of the officer, including whisky and other liquors had been removed with the connivance of Sharpe. He was sentenced to three years' penal servitude. The woman, who it was said was under the influence of Sharpe, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

A vicious card-sharper, killed in a duel with a disreputable person, the son of a nobleman now travelling, and got elected a member of a fashionable Paris club, this club he played for high stakes, and cleared on £2,000. These losses were, however, meant as a bait to trap the unwary; for now and then he proposed an adjournment to his own rooms, when his manipulation of the cards enabled him not only to recover losses, but to net large gains. It is known, however, that the man he had been persecuting was in Africa. Expulsion from the club was the result.

The man who catches the largest fish is a necessarily the biggest liar.

Marked earthquake shocks have been felt at Singapore, Penang, and Johore. It is years ago since similar shocks were experienced.

Mr. Conybeare intends to retire from Parliamentary life. He believes he can better service to temperance and labour outside the House.

Mr. Frampton's statue, "The Angel Death," which was exhibited at the Royal Academy and at the Paris Salon, has been purchased by the sculptor to the South London Fine Art Gallery.

A theatrophone was hung at the side of the prompter's box at the Royal Italian Opera on Monday night, communicating with the manager's room, and enabling Sir A. Harcourt to hear what is going on upon the stage or while transacting business.

At Wigton Borough Police Court, William Leary, an actor appearing at the Grand Theatre in the American play, "The Old Frontier," was fined £10 for using force as a vulgar assault on a married woman.

John Poe, who was pardoned by Governor of Tennessee on April 7th for a life sentence for murder, has been arrested at Dennison, Texas, charged with murdering a man in bed. The crime was committed within two weeks of his release from prison.

A most serious loss has been sustained by Mr. Charles Thatcher, of Skinner's Green Farm, near Newbury, through a strange fire having entered the stable and on his farm seriously that and, worked the sheep seriously that nearly 100 of the animals died.

A youth, aged 15 years, named Frederick Butler, was charged at the Bradford Borough Court with burglariously breaking and entering four dwelling-houses and stealing money and various articles therefrom. He was committed for trial.

At Stockport, James Leach, 31, time merchant, was remanded on the charge of attempting to murder a man named Potter. It was alleged that the prisoner, when in drink, discharged a pistol at Potter and several of men. Two men were wounded.

At the annual meeting of the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen at Exeter Hall, at which the Princess Louise and Marquis of Lorne were present, a telegram was received from the Queen expressing her Majesty's pleasure that the mission was prospering.

The Countess of Lindsey's court dress was black satin—which was the draw room dress—was splendidly embroidered and trimmed with jet, and was worn with a black brocade velvet gauze, which was lined with mauve satin and trimmed with lace.

On the 25th inst. there will be a very interesting demonstration at St. George's Park, Buckingham Palace-road. Some of the accomplished swimmers in London will exhibit the latest methods of saving the drowning by the aid of a life preserver. It is up by St. John Ambulance Association.

Mr. J. H. Hicker-Beach, who was the guest of the Constitutional Club at dinner on Wednesday night, contrasted the position of the policy of the Government with that of the position, and, referring to the general election, said the Unionist party would emerge upon the contest with confidence and the assurance of success.

An invitation to send in competition designs for a monument to the poet Keats Burns is issued by the Burns Memorial Monument Association of Chicago. The committee suggest a figure and pedestal spaces for panels to be afterwards filled, which would be erected in one of the parks. Ten thousand dollars are to be expended on scheme.

Ernest Atkinson, a fourth-class fireman of the Metropolitan Brigade, who was reported as having saved three lives last Tuesday night, No. 315, Kennington-road, probably be rewarded by a medal of the usually bestowed by the London Council on men who thus distinguish themselves. His bravery has already been broadly attested by the authorities.

At the first meeting of the Royal Commission on the Metropolitan Water Supply evidence was taken with regard to the River system. During the past twenty years, it was stated, there had been a steady growth in the number of houses in the competition district, although since 1890 a falling off taken place. Assuming the annual income to be 1,004 dwellings, the demand would forty years outstrip all means of meeting.

Princess Heinrich of Pleiss at the drawing room were a beautiful wedding train of red and silver brocade, lined with quilted silk and trimmed with white lace and white lace, over a black and white plain white lace. Over dress covered with a single veil of new "raindrop" tulle, which is scattered with round silver dots, which is exactly like rain on glass.

A Berlin correspondent says the house which Handel was born, at Halle, on the 23rd of February, 1685, is to be sold, and is likely to be bought by a brewer, who also uses the grounds as a beer garden. The house, however, to be converted into a Handel Museum, as has been done with the birthplace of Goethe, Beethoven, and other famous, and are collecting funds for the purpose.

A copy of the first edition of Gray's "Wrote in a Country Churchyard" was sold Monday for £29. It originally cost sixpence if there were no discount bookellers the fact that was 150 years ago the first edition of the "Vicar of Wakefield" for 40s; it came from the pre-1800 years ago. A still higher price, £221, given for an original "Complaint" of 239 years old. In these cases the proportion in age and monetary value is pretty well served.

The Duke of Norfolk presided at a annual conference of the Home Counties Agricultural and National Union of Conservative Associations, held at St. Leonard's, where a resolution was passed urging the Union to the constituencies to strengthen their representation, in view of the general election.

Lunch which followed, the Duke of Norfolk took the chair, and appealed to Unionists to be lulled into any false security. The brilliant achievements of the past, Brownlow urged Unionists to enter upon contest with a determination to conquer.

The dress of Miss Norton at the drawing room was a triumph of the milliner's art, was composed of white satin in its texture, the skirt being bordered with a row of costly pearl trimming. The bodice, arranged in folds, was crossed by diagonal lines of the pearl trimmings. Round the shoulders was a Josephine collar of place, wired so as to curve outwards with picturesque effect. A long sash with fringed with pearls finished the lovely costume.

Mr. Bruce, assistant-commissioner of police, has told the Theatres' Committee that the police have power to enter any where a stage play is being performed, to stop a proper licence, and to remove any audience and managers into custody. The action is now never taken for fear of a panic. He also stated that the police have the right of entry at all music halls and places being duly licensed for the sale of liquor, and if any indecent performance was observed or brought to their notice.

The American Bible Society will make exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair in which will appear copies of Bibles in more than different languages.

The Duke of Connaught presided at festival of the Royal Masonic Institution, Giralda, towards the support of which donations amounting to £10,000 were announced.

Henry Daugherty, a horse dealer, of Pennsylvania, was stabbed twice in Washington by Thomas Christmas, a coloured man whom he accused of stealing a gold toothpick.

The Canadian papers speak of a late immigration this year of English farmers to the Manitoba regions. Five hundred men left Toronto for that section to found homesteads.

"We no longer hear the prophecy," says Sir H. James, "that Liberal Unionists are swept off the face of the earth; and if it succeeds this time the battle will be over."

The Duchesse de Portland's diamonds, the drawing-room were superb, and carried a shower of Malmesbury carnations trailing almost to the hem of her dress, arranged with very beautiful foliage.

The Local Government Board has decided on the application of the Richmond Council, to make an order extending boundaries of the borough so as to include the whole of Kew and Petersham and of Mortlake.

Masked robbers in Salt Lake City, on Saturday eve., entered the house of Mrs. E. Berger, just as she had returned from a party, and at the point of their revolvers, compelled the ladies to give up all their money, worth about \$6,000.

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